

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 5 from the bottom of the page, to page 4, line 4 of the page, with the following paragraph.**

R<sup>1</sup> stands for unsubstituted or, optionally, one or more times with halogen[[<sub>5</sub>]] substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or one or more times with halogen substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy substituted aryl or heteroaryl, with the exception of compounds in which aryl is bonded directly to the =NR<sup>2</sup> group in the meaning of A,

**Please replace the paragraph on page 18 appearing on the last 4 lines of the page, with the following paragraph.**

whereby phenyl, or substituted phenyl or naphthyl is not directly bonded to ~~right in~~ the =NR<sup>2</sup> group in the meaning of A,

R<sup>2</sup> stands for hydrogen or methyl,

**Please replace the paragraph on page 23 appearing between the two table on that page, with the following paragraph.**

whereby phenyl, or substituted phenyl or naphthyl is not directly bonded to ~~right in~~ the =NR<sup>2</sup> group in the meaning of A,

R<sup>2</sup> stands for hydrogen or methyl,

R<sup>3</sup> stands for pyridyl or for phenyl, pyridyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl that is substituted in one or more places with hydroxy, halogen, methyl or methoxy, or for the group

**Please replace the paragraph on page 26 appearing between the two table on that page, with the following paragraph.**

whereby phenyl, or substituted phenyl or naphthyl is not directly bonded to ~~right in~~ the =NR<sup>2</sup> group in the meaning of A,

R<sup>2</sup> stands for hydrogen or methyl,

$R^3$  stands for pyridyl or for phenyl, pyridyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl that is substituted in one or more places with hydroxy, halogen, methyl or methoxy, or for the group